

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action of October 27, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Request for Continued Examiner and Amendment of the claims, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 5 are amended to specify that boot program the boot program prevents unverified software from subsequently being loaded onto, or run by, the integrated circuit by use of a digital signature to verify such software and the intermediate program enables loading or running of unverified code without use of a digital signature. Support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [3727]-[3747] and [3767] of the present application's Publication No. 2007/0006150; and dependent claims 3 and 6-17 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

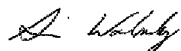
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The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestion regarding possible amendments for overcoming the maintained cited art rejections. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 5, and dependent claims 3 and 6-17, is not disclosed by Sormunen, because in each of the first, second and another check-up steps disclosed Sormunen digital signatures are used to verify the program code and data (see paragraphs [0033]-[0038]), which is contrary to the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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